and the Department of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development to conduct a specialised study into the cases of suicides to find out reasons for the high suicide rate and suggest remedial measures.

Felling of trees

584. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unabated unlawful felling of trees from the forests all over the country;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss inflicted annually due to unauthorised felling of trees in different States, State-wise and year-wise for the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Forest Security guards are not properly equipped with arms, wireless, vehicles etc. to prevent the unlawful tree felling effectively; and

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated loss inflicted annually due to unauthorised felling of trees as reported by the respective States/UTs Government is given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Development of Infrastructure for protection of forests against Biotic Interference' the State/UT Governments have been provided fund for purchase of arms, walkie-talkie sets and vehicles to prevent the unlawful tree felling.

Statement

S.No.	Name of State/UTs	The estimated financial loss inflicted annually due to unauthorised felling of trees reported by the respective State/UTs. Government	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		(in Rupees)	
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	96,500	
2	Gujarat	64,00,000	
3	Karnataka	2,47,80,423	
4	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	14,23,000	
5	Kerala	4,56,603	
6	Maharashtra	37,27,309	
7	Tripura	12,08,000	
8	Pondicherry	Nil	

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9	Madhya Pradesh	2,62,39,311
10	Haryana	24,640
11	Goa	29,762
12	Tamilnadu	53,11,431
13	Andhra Pradesh	2,57,00,000
14	Punjab	16,67,581
15	Uttar Pradesh	82,82,877
16	Nagaland	10,53,792
17	Chandigarh	Nil
18	Manipur	30,000
19	Mizoram	6,86,672
20	Delhi	Nil
21	Rajasthan	13,43,000
22	Bihar	51,81,251
23	Sikkim	10,500
24	West Bengal	13,57,500
25	Arunachal Pradesh	9,07,600
26	Assam	50,00,000
27	Jammu & Kashmir	20,60,000
28	Himachal Pradesh	8,46,123
29	Daman & Diu	Nil
30	Lakshdweep	Nil
31	Meghalaya	1,21,241

Illegal felling of trees in Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

585. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had deputed any official team to Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for an enquiry into recent incidents of illegal felling of trees in the forest area of those two States;

(b) if so, what are their findings and recommendations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pollution of rivers by industries in Madhya Pradesh

586. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Madhya Pradesh the paper mills of Amlai, Nepanagar and Ho-